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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1968

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Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.

June, 1969.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and
Councillors of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1968. I came to Bridport in November, 1968 so this report is concerned mainly with the work done while Dr. Meadows was your Medical Officer of Health. Mr. Kennaugh, your Public Health Inspector has prepared much of the report.

Miss Lawrence, clerk in the health centre has as usual carried out the work involved in typing and assembling the report.

I am, your obedient servant,

L. Jackson.

Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health..... John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.. until 31/8/68.
E. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.. appointed 1/11/68.

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport Borough Council and Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.. Ian D. Kennaugh, M.R.S.H..
Additional Public Health Inspector.... K.S. Bolt, M.A.P.H.I. (joint appointment).
Pupil Public Health Inspector..... R. Singleton (joint appointment) until 31/7/68.
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population 3,290

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.41 Deaths 0.73

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	14	10	24
Legitimate.....	14	10	24
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - Crude 7.3 Corrected 10.29
Live Births Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate 0.61
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births - 0

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	0	0	0

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births - 0

Total Live and Still-births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	14	10	24

Deaths (all ages)	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	31	34	65

Death Rate per 1,000 population - Crude 19.3 Corrected 14.45
Deaths (all ages) Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate 1.21

Deaths of Infants.	Males.			Females.		
	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.
Under 1 year of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 4 weeks of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 1 week of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births..... 0
Legitimate " " " " " legitimate live births..... 0
Illegitimate" " " " " illegitimate live births..... 0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)..... 0
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)..... 0
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)..... 0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion).

Number of deaths..... 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

VITAL STATISTICS. (N.A. = not available)

	1930	1940	1950	1960	1965	1966	1967	1968
Population	2394	3212	3036	3180	3330	3330	3300	3290
Rateable Value	£19911	£25771	£26853	£53592	£151158	£150426	£153533	£156155
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate	£78	£98	£106	£212	£602	£607	£609	£636
BIRTHS.								
Live Births	27	43	35	36	43	29	29	24
Legitimate	27	41	30	35	42	26	26	24
Illegitimate	0	2	5	1	1	3	3	0
Live Birth Rate (crude)	11.3	13.9	11.4	11.3	12.9	8.8	8.8	7.3
Live Birth Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	12.4	12.9	18.2	12.4	12.4	10.29
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.72	0.61
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	16.3	14.6	15.8	17.1	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9
DEATHS.								
Total Deaths	24	56	40	41	54	48	59	65
Death Rate (crude)	10.0	13.6	13.1	12.9	16.2	14.5	17.9	19.8
Death Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	9.4	9.8	11.7	10.5	12.7	14.4
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1.13	1.21
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	11.4	14.3	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9
INFANT MORTALITY.								
Still Births	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Still-birth Rate	35.7	44.4	0.32	0	0	0	33.5	0
Still-birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	41	37	23	19.7	15.7	15.4	14.8	14
Deaths under 1 year	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
Infantile Death Rate	37	87	0	0	0	34.5	34	0
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	60	55	29.8	21.7	19.0	19.0	18.3	18
Neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	34.5	34	0
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	31	30	19	15.6	13	12.9	12.5	12.3
Early Neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	34.5	34.5	0
Early Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & W.)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	10.8	10.5
Perinatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	34.5	67	0
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3	25.4	25
MATERNAL MORTALITY. (incl abortion)								
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	3.9	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2

Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

B 6.	Other tuberculosis including late effects.....
B 18.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.....
B 19(1)	Malignant neoplasm, stomach. .....
B 19(2)	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....
B 19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, breast.....
B 19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....
B 19(5)	Leukaemia.....
B 19(6)	Other malignant neoplasms, etc.....
B 21	Diabetes mellitus.....
B 46(1)	Other endocrine etc diseases.....
B 46(3)	Mental disorders.....
B 46(4)	Other diseases of nervous system etc.....
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic heart disease.....
B 27	Hypertensive disease.....
B 28	Ischaemic heart disease.....
B 29	Other forms of heart disease. .....
B 30	Cerebrovascular disease.....
B 46(5)	Other diseases of circulatory system.....
B 31	Influenza.....
B 32	Pneumonia.....
B 33(1)	Bronchitis and emphysema.....
B 46(6)	Other diseases of respiratory system.....
B 34	Peptic ulcer.....
B 46(7)	Other diseases of digestive system.....
B 37	Cirrhosis of liver. .....
B 38	Nephritis and nephrosis.....
B 39	Hyperplasia of prostate.....
B 46(8)	Other diseases, genito-urinary system.....
B 46(9)	Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue.....
B 46(10)	Diseases of musculo-skeletal system.....
B 42	Congenital anomalies.....
B 43	Birth injury, difficult labour etc.....
B 45	Symptoms and ill defined conditions.....
BE 47	Motor vehicle accidents.....
BE 48	All other accidents.....
BE 49	Suicide and self inflicted injuries.....

Total.....

Bridport Borough.			Bridport R.D.			Beaminster R.D.			Lyme Regis Borough.			West Dorset. Total 1968	Total 1967.	
M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T			
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	B 6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	B 18
0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	5	9	B 19(1)
2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	11	13	B 19(2)
0	2	2	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	1	1	12	8	B 19(3)
-	2	2	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	2	4	B 19(4)
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	B 19(5)
2	11	13	7	5	12	7	6	13	0	4	4	42	34	B 19(6)
1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	B 21
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3		B 46(1)
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2		B 46(3)
1	1	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	7		B 46(4)
2	2	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7		B 26
1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	10	9	B 27
16	9	25	25	9	34	15	5	20	4	3	7	86	75	B 28
1	3	4	3	1	4	2	5	7	2	2	4	19	47	B 29
7	14	21	13	16	29	6	17	23	6	8	14	87	61	B 30
0	5	5	0	2	2	4	3	7	1	2	3	17	21	B 46(5)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	B 31
7	12	19	7	4	11	2	10	12	2	1	3	45	19	B 32
4	0	4	4	2	6	4	2	6	2	3	5	21	14	B 33(1)
1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	3	B 46(6)
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	B 34
0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	B 46(7)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1		B 37
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	B 38
0	-	0	1	-	1	0	-	0	0	-	0	1	3	B 39
2	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	7		B 46(8)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		B 46(9)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		B 46(10)
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	B 42
0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	B 43
0	8	8	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	14	34	B 45
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	6	BE 47
1	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	9	8	BE 48
0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	6	BE 49
48	78	126	69	66	135	56	61	117	31	34	65	443	389	

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Measles vaccine was made available in May and by the end of the year 110 children mostly of the primary school age group had been vaccinated against measles.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1968.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Measles.....	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	7	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1

Quarterly Notifications 1968.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Measles.....	4	0	0	4	0
Pneumonia.....	1	0	0	1	0
Scarlet Fever.....	2	0	0	0	2
Total.....	7	0	0	5	2

Infectious Diseases Notifications for Comparison.

	1937	1940	1950	1960	1965	1966	1967	1968
Diphtheria.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	1	0	0	4	35	4	0	2
Cerebro-Spinal fever.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	0	0	2	1	1	2	4	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Puerperal pyrexia.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Non-Pul. Tuberculosis.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles.....	0	23	104	8	14	4	6	4
Whooping Cough.....	0	51	15	0	15	4	2	0
Total.....	6	78	123	15	66	14	12	7

Tuberculosis.

No new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Vaccination of school children in the 13+ years age group and the control of tuberculosis in cattle have both contributed to the steady decline in the incidence of tuberculosis.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on Register at end of 1967.	0	2	0	2
New cases notified during 1968.	0	0	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	0	0	0	0
Removals from District into other areas.	0	1	0	0
Removed from Register as non-tubercular.	0	0	0	0
Removed from Register - cured.	0	0	0	1
Deaths during 1968.	0	0	0	1
Total on Register at end of 1968.	0	1	0	0

Average yearly incidence.	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1940 - 1949.	1.6	0.4	0.6	0
1950 - 1959.	1.5	0.2	0.2	0
1960 - 1968.	0.44	0.1	0	0.1

Average number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1946 - 1955	14.7
1956 - 1965	9.4

Total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1966.	5.
1967.	4.
1968.	1.

Immunisation.

The following figures were supplied by the County Medical Officer. As some of the immunisations were carried out at the schools the numbers do not strictly refer to the Borough as some children cross District boundaries to attend schools in the Borough.

P = Primary dose. R = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.		MEASLES.
ORAL.		SALK.										
P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.
28	57	0	0	28	26	29	38	26	5	19	3	110

B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.				
Tested.	Positive.	Negative.	Vaccinated.	Absent.
116	14	95	95	7

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This section of the Act provides for removal from their own home of persons who are either ill or incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, are not able to care for themselves and are not receiving from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons were referred but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

HOUSING.

New Housing.

During 1968 27 new houses were built by private enterprise and in addition three existing houses were converted to provide 3 additional units of accommodation. Therefore a total of 30 new units of accommodation have been provided in the town during the year.

Post War Housing.

Completed by :-	(a) Local Authority	211	221
	(b) Ministry (Prefabs)	10	
	(c) Private Enterprise :-		
	Houses	272	333
	Flats	61	
Number of houses owned by the Local Authority			345

Waiting List.

There were 60 applicants on the waiting list for houses at the end of the year compared with 40 last year and 83 in 1966.

Improvement Grants.

Discretionary Grants.

There were three applications for Discretionary Grants, one of which was approved, one withdrawn and one still awaiting consideration at the end of the year. The grant which was approved was for the conversion of a house into two flats, and the total grant approved was £453. Work is still proceeding on this conversion.

Standard Grants.

Three applications were approved. Works on four were completed and grants totalling £641 were paid.

Sub-standard Housing and Housing Survey.

In 1956 it was estimated that there were 40 dwellings in the Borough which were unfit, and this number has since been revised to 43. Since then, as a result of formal or informal action by the Council, 20 of these dwellings have been improved sufficiently for them no longer to fall into the category of unfit. In 12 cases the dwellings have been completely renovated, 5 with Improvement Grant aid.

Of the remaining 23 dwellings, 3 have been demolished; 11 are the subject of formal undertakings that they shall not be re-occupied after the present occupiers move out, until they have been made fit (2 have already been vacated); and 9 have operative Demolition Orders or Closing Orders in force (only two remain occupied).

The following table shows the dwellings on which action was taken during the year, or on which there were operative Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or formal Undertakings.

ADDRESS.	Undertaking.	Closing Order.	Demolition Order.	Undertaking Revoked.	Closing Order Revoked.	Improvements made or in hand.	Dwelling vacated.	Dwelling demolished.
8, Church St. (part)	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
22, Church St.	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-
24, Church St.	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-
28, Church St.	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-
17, Coombe St.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31, Coombe St.	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-
33, Coombe St.	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-
43, Coombe St.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
2, East Cliff.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4, East Cliff.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2, Georges Sq.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3, Georges Sq.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2, Hatchett.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x
3, Hatchett.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x
1, Manor Cottages.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
2, Manor Cottages.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
5, Monmouth St.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19, Sherborne Lane.	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-
20, Sherborne Lane.	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	-
21, Sherborne Lane.	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	-
26, Sherborne Lane.	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
35, Sherborne Lane.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
6, Silver Street.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8, Silver Street.	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
11, Silver Street.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12, Silver Street.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
6, Sherborne Buildings.	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	11	7	2	3	2	9	1	2

During 1968, works of major improvement or re-construction were carried out or in hand in 9 of the properties listed, as a result of local authority action. In 4 of these Improvement Grant aid had been approved.

In addition 3 sub-standard dwellings were demolished voluntarily by their owners.

As well as the unfit dwellings mentioned above, there is a number which fall short of what is considered acceptable by modern standards. In order to assess the size of this group, a survey was carried out at the beginning of the year. Enquiries were made in respect of 180 dwellings which it was thought might be without one or more of the standard amenities. The following number of dwellings were found to be without the amenities shown:

		Tenanted dwellings.	Owner/ occupied dwellings.	Total.
No bath.		14	20	34
No wash basin.		20	24	44
No hot water at :	bath.	14	23	37
	wash basin.	20	28	48
	sink.	10	20	30
No inside water closet.		10	11	21
No food store.		40	63	103

The following number of dwellings were without the number of amenities shown:

	Tenanted.	Owner/ occupied.	Total.
1 of the standard amenities not provided.	22	37	59
2 " " " " " "	3	4	7
3 " " " " " "	6	6	12
4 " " " " " "	2	1	3
5 " " " " " "	3	4	7
6 " " " " " "	3	12	15
None of the standard amenities provided.	6	4	10
Totals.	45	68	113

With a view to encouraging owners of these properties to provide the amenities, it was arranged that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government mobile exhibition on Improvement Grants should visit Lyme Regis for three days during October, and that their film on housing improvements should be shown at the Regent Cinema for the whole of that week. The total attendance at the exhibition was 68, mainly owner/occupiers but it resulted in very few serious enquiries for grant aid. It is hoped, however, that owners will be given greater incentive to improve their property when the proposed Housing Bill goes through Parliament in 1969.

Housing for the Elderly.

There are five flats for the elderly in Hill Road together with an additional flat so that warden service is provided. There are also six Marder Bequest almshouses and four Tudbold almshouses. During the year lengthy investigations have continued for improvements to the Marder almshouses, and it is hoped that the work will be carried out in 1969 with Improvement Grant aid. Improvements at the Tudbold almshouses are possible and are to be explored.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is no Common Lodging House.

WATER SUPPLY.

Lyme Regis obtains its water supply from the East Devon Water Board. The Hartstongue spring, Pinhay, has a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day and there is a 500,000 gallon reservoir at Rousdon providing additional storage for the area.

In addition, to guard against interruption in supplies through landslips at the Pinhay Source, 120,000 gallons per day can be abstracted from the River Axe.

Bacteriological Analyses.

115 samples from springs, reservoirs, mains and household taps were taken for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

Number of samples containing no Bact. Coli. type 1 organisms per 100 ml	= 115	= 100%
" " " " no Coliform organisms per 100 ml	= 113	= 98.3
" " " " 2 " " " " "	= 2	= 1.7

These results indicate a satisfactory standard of water supply.

Chemical Analysis.

Report on a sample of water taken recently at Pinhay Pumping Station. (results are in parts per million).

Appearance.	clear and bright.	non carbonate hardness	28.0
colour	5 °HAZEN	total hardness	260.0
taste & odour	satisfactory	total solids (dried @ 180 °C	366.
turbidity	NIL	carbonate	139.0
pH	7.6	sulphate	29.9
Conductivity (25 °C)	580 (umhos)	chloride	32.6
Free carbondioxide	11.5	nitrate	14.0
total alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	232.0	fluoride	0.1
caustic alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	NIL	silica	3.1
ammoniacal nitrogen	0.04	iron	trace
albuminoid nitrogen	0.05	aluminium, manganese, zinc, copper, lead,	all absent
nitrate nitrogen	2.3		
oxygen absorbed (4 hrs @ 26.7 °C)	0.2	Free residual chlorine	0.2
carbonate hardness	232.0		

Chemical Analysis continued.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

I am grateful to Mr. E.C. Gordon, Chief Engineer to the East Devon Water Board, for his help and advice on this section of the report.

Fluoridation.

There has been no change in the County Council's former decision not to support the addition of fluoride to the water supply in this area.

Rainfall.

	1964.	1965.	1966.	1967.	1968.
January.	0.80	4.47	3.15	3.62	3.56
February.	1.37	0.10	5.24	3.41	2.38
March.	5.44	3.35	0.95	2.93	1.25
April.	2.46	0.95	4.59	1.34	2.86
May.	3.28	2.22	2.13	4.68	2.63
June.	1.25	2.68	1.80	0.64	4.97
July.	0.69	4.01	1.60	1.80	2.67
August.	0.82	4.11	3.83	2.38	2.07
September.	1.28	3.26	0.76	4.64	4.61
October.	3.84	0.98	6.20	6.07	3.89
November.	2.48	4.58	2.44	1.80	3.45
December.	3.86	5.80	3.60	2.53	4.50
Totals.	27.57	36.51	36.29	35.84	38.84

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The developed areas of the town are on a water borne system, combining foul and surface sewers, with the exception of the post war housing estate which has two separate systems. All new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on separate systems. One small area, Ware Lane, has a separate septic tank and filter. The Council's Monmouth Beach area with caravans and chalets has water borne sanitation.

Over two thirds of the drainage from the town is received and discharges into the sea below low water mark by the eastern outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900. The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb. The 9" portion of this sewer is situated in the movement area of Cobb Road, and requires constant attention.

Discussions continued this year with the Ministry with a view to adopting a direct chlorination system of disposal at sea. This was one of the alternative methods of disposal recommended by the County Public Health Engineer in 1967.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in six blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Monmouth Beach, Holmbush Car Park and one small block for men at Victoria Pier. Following the provision of public car parking facilities at Woodmead Hall this year, the outside sanitary accommodation was improved to provide separate conveniences for both men and women.

Pollution of Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the river Lym during its course through the Borough.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

No nuisances were reported during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

As there are no slaughterhouses in the Borough, retailers obtain their meat from outside the district.

Food Premises by type.

There are 159 food premises (an increase of 11 since 1967) in which the following trades are carried on, and which comply with Regulation 16 (provision of hand washing facilities) and Regulation 19 (facilities for washing food and equipment) of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Inspection and Supervision of Food continued.

Type of Premises.	No. of premises in use.	No. complying with Reg. 16.	No. to which Reg. 19 applies.	No. complying with Reg. 19.
Bakers.....	3	3	3	3
Butchers.....	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers.....	3	2	3	3
Grocers.....	16	16	16	16
Greengrocers.....	9	9	9	9
Confectioners.....	6	6	6	6
Restaurants & Cafes.....	21	21	21	21
Hotels.....	19	19	19	19
Hospitals & Nursing Homes.....	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish & Chips.....	1	1	1	1
Ice Cream.....	38	38	38	38
Dairies.....	2	2	2	2
Public Houses.....	13	13	13	13
Poulterers.....	4	4	4	4
Food Kiosks.....	3	3	3	3
School Canteens.....	4	4	4	4
Private hotels and Guest Houses.....	63	63	63	63
Totals.	211	210	211	211

Food Premises Registered under Section 16. Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

The number of premises registered for the purposes shown are :

Manufacture, storage and sale of Ice Cream..... 2.
Sale of Ice Cream.....36.
Preparation and manufacture of sausages, or
potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food..... 4.

Food Hygiene.

There has been a steady and marked improvement in the standard of construction and equipment in the vast majority of the food premises in the Borough. This is largely due to the good co-operation which exists between the staff of the Department and the owners and occupiers of the various businesses. The greatest improvement this year has probably been in the kitchens of the larger hotels, where considerable sums of money have been spent in modernisation and re-equipment. As a town which depends for its existence on the tourist industry, Lyme Regis can now be justly proud of the standard of food hygiene which exists in its hotels, restaurants and other food premises, and it could well make this a feature of its appeal to tourists.

Inspection and Supervision of Food continued.

As has been said before, though, the standard of the premises is but one of the factors in food hygiene, equally important are the habits and attitudes of the food workers, particularly as many of these are transitory, and only by constant education and encouragement can those be improved. Every opportunity is therefore taken to talk to management and staff, either collectively or individually to this end.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

These Regulations were generally well complied with, but it was, unfortunately, necessary for the Council to prosecute one trader for an unsatisfactory poultry delivery vehicle. Fines totalling £25 were imposed in respect of six charges, and costs of 8 guineas were awarded against the defendant. The driver was also convicted on two charges.

Health Education.

A film show and lecture on food hygiene and food poisoning was given at the Borough offices in May to 25 catering staff from various hotels, restaurants and schools.

Food Sampling.

13 bacteriological samples of ice cream were taken, and they fell into the following Grades :-

Grade 1.	9.
Grade 2.	4.

9 samples of various other foods were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

In addition, routine bacteriological swabs were taken from catering equipment, as a guide to the efficacy of cleaning techniques.

Condemnation of Food.

The following quantities of food were surrendered voluntarily by traders :

	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Canned food.	2	2	3	7½
Meat (fresh).	1	2	16	4
Fish (fresh).			7	8
Total.	4	0	27	3½

Milk Supply.

Although the Dorset County Council are now the licensing authority under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, this authority is still empowered, and still in fact continues to take routine bacteriological samples of milk. The 2 samples taken during the year from a vending machine failed the prescribed test for keeping quality.

In addition the County Council took 14 milk samples 2 of which failed the prescribed test.

Six dealers' licences to sell pre-packed milk were issued.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Routine inspections and spot checks were carried out at premises to which the Act applies.

The premises registered, with an analysis of the persons employed are as follows :

Class of workplace.	No. of registered premises.	No. of persons employed.
Offices.	16	71
Retail shops.	52	178
Wholesale premises.	1	5
Catering establishments.	25	153
Fuel storage depots.	1	6
Totals.	95	413

158 visits were made to premises registered under the Act and 24 informal notices were served for contraventions of the Act.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

No. of premises licensed to store petroleum..... 2.
No. of inspections..... 2.
No. of informal notices served..... 1.
Total petrol storage licensed. 7,000 gals.

RODENT AND PESTS CONTROL.

No full-time rodent operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen who has attended courses of training, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints.

No. of premises inspected..... 415.
No. of premises treated..... 14.
Infestations found (rats)..... 14.
" " (mice)..... 1.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection is made of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer months additional collections are made in the business areas of the town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the town. All the main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on the Borough roads by the Council and on the Classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the town and beaches.

SCHOOLS.

These are regularly inspected; all have piped water supplies, water closets and washing facilities. Primary schools are supplied daily with pasteurised milk.

Four samples of water were taken from the swimming pool in one school in the area by the County Council staff, all were satisfactory.

CAMPING SITES.

There is one well maintained site of 7½ acres situated on the hill to the north of the town, with 200 caravan sites licensed for summer use only and winter storage. The site has main drainage and water supply.

On the Monmouth beach, owned by the Council, there exists a total of 70 day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. The former R.A.F. recreation building was acquired by the Council and converted to form a block of toilets and ablutions to the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act standards. It provides male and female accommodation totalling 15 water closets, 10 wash-hand basins, 6 showers and 3 laundry sinks and is connected to the main sewer, water and electricity services, with a hot water supply by metered gas.

On the same beach the Council own and let 28 residential chalets, all with individual main services, for seasonal letting. Lavatory accommodation is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings, and drains to the public sewer.

On the Monmouth Plateau there are 19 caravans each with a gully connected to the sewer, a standpipe for water supply for each pair of caravans and a block of toilets.

SWIMMING FACILITIES.

There is no public swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all beaches, and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Nil report. (on advice of the Ministry of Health 4/4/63).

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities.	2	0	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	14	9	4	0
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	10	10	0	0
Total.	26	19	4	0

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred. To H.M. Inspector.	Referred. By H.M. Inspector.	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness.	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature.	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation.	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	4	3	0	2	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	4	3	0	2	0

FACTORIES ACT. 1961 continued.

OUTWORK.	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note : The class of work specified by 1 in column 1 is the making, cleaning etc of wearing apparel.

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker	Monday morning.	
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	Monday morning.	*
Relaxation Classes	Monday afternoon.	*
Speech Therapy	Monday afternoon.	*

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy	Tuesday morning.	*
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	Tuesday all day.	*

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment	Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5 p.m.	
Hearing Assessment	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month.	*
Child Guidance	Alternate Wednesdays.	*

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Thursday in the month 2 - 4-30 p.m.	*
Cervical Cytology clinic	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. 4th. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (open session).	*

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic	2nd. Friday in the month - H.V. session. 4th. Friday in the month - Dr. in attendance.	

Other clinics are held at :-

BEAMINSTER.	Child Welfare.	40 Hogshill St.,	2nd. and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thurs.	
	Speech Therapy.	"	Wednesday afternoon	*
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly persons)	"	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Friday in the month	
CHARMOUTH.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.	
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly persons)	W.I. Hall, Wesley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m.	*
THORNCOMBE.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic, Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.	